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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.**  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/114,665
Filing Date	7/13/1998
Examiner Name	Sikyin Ip
First Named Inventor	Bieler et al.
Group Art Unit	1742
Attorney Docket Number	6550-000013

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other Return postcard.

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2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.08-0750.
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other Any deficiency for a fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 370.00 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Application No.: 09/114,665

Filing Date: July 13, 1998

Applicants: Bieler et al.

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Title: METHODS FOR PRODUCING LEAD-FREE IN-SITU COMPOSITE SOLDER ALLOYS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002. This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Note, that while these amendments and remarks are largely as set forth in an Amendment submitted September 4, 2002, the amendments made herein differ, and remarks are added addressing the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action issued September 17, 2002.